

# Language Technology, Electronic Health Records, and the Clinical Narrative

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Electronic health records are a big deal.

“The Electronic Health Record (EHR) is a **longitudinal electronic record** of patient health information generated by one or more encounters in any care delivery setting. Included in this information are patient demographics, progress notes, problems, medications, vital signs, past medical history, immunizations, laboratory data, and radiology reports. . . .”

In the United States there are on the order of **2,000,000,000 doctor-patient encounters** per year; that's **over 200,000 an hour**.

On April 26, 2004, President Bush announced the goal of assuring that most Americans have EHRs **within the next 10 years, i.e. in 2014**.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1550638/>

The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act was passed in 2009. It authorizes **expenditures of at least \$20,000,000,000** to promote the adoption and use of EHR technologies.

[http://itlaw.wikia.com/wiki/HITECH\\_Act](http://itlaw.wikia.com/wiki/HITECH_Act)



- Which decision is supported by the best evidence?
- How well does a proposed treatment work?
- Does drug effectiveness vary by patient population?
- Who are the good candidates for a clinical trial?
- Which caregivers are following best practices?
- Are more cost-effective options being overlooked?
- Are we seeing evidence of a new epidemic?
- Are we seeing evidence of a biological attack??
- ~~Are we seeing evidence of an alien invasion???~~

Ok, maybe not that.

Those applications all require patient data that is suitable for analytics.

The obvious solution is to have healthcare providers *enter* patient data that is suitable for analytics.

# Providers



CHIEF COMPLAINT:  
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HPI: This is a 68-year-old female who presents to the emergency department with shortness of breath going for several days ...

## Coding Tools & Services



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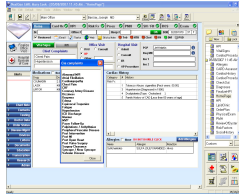


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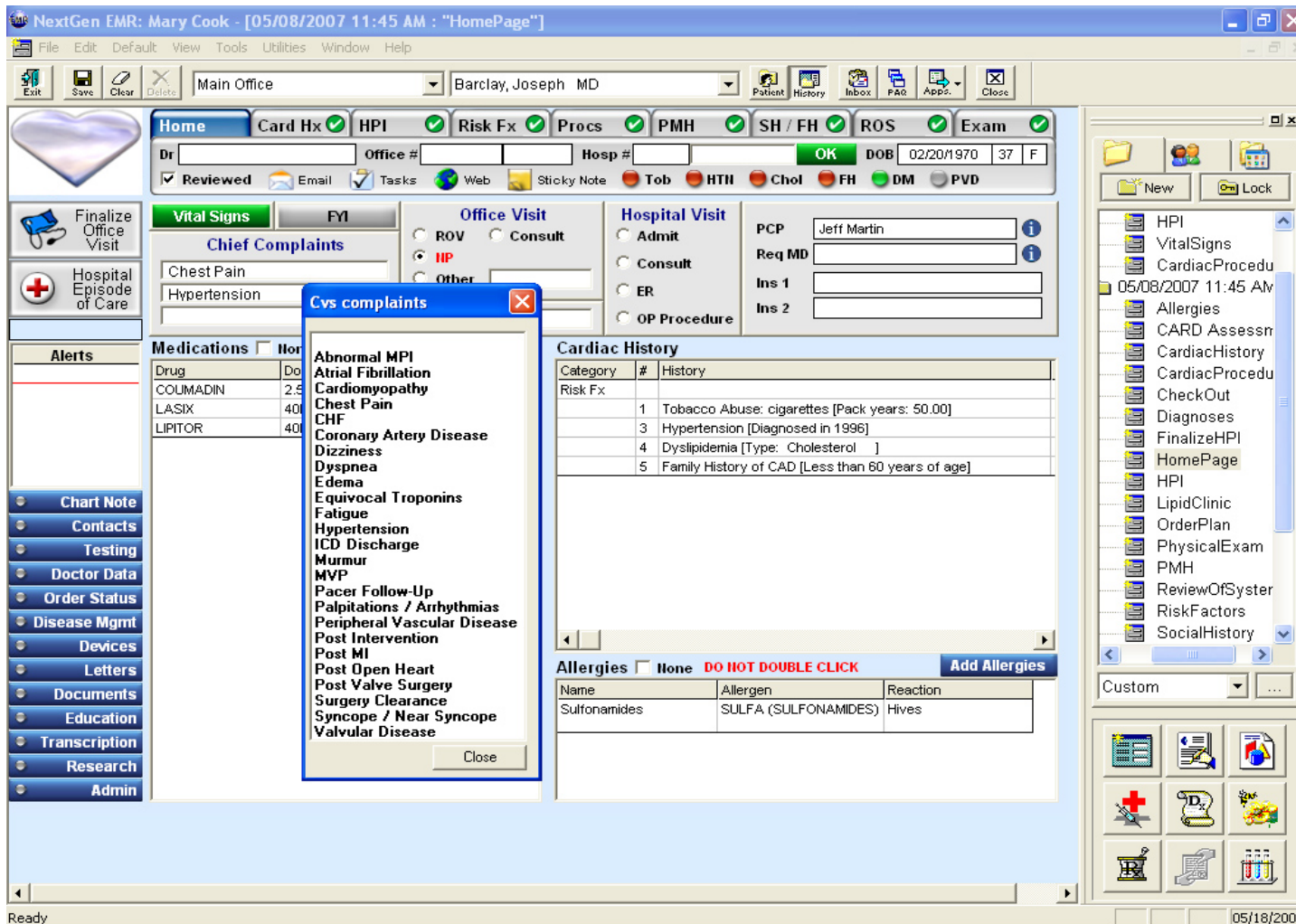


Electronic  
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Source: <http://www.nextgen.com/images/screenshots/card01.jpg>

“This system is designed for physicians to point and click their way through an entire exam quickly and effortlessly.” (EMR product review)

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But...

The path we are taking to EHRs threatens to disrupt or even do away with the natural use of language in clinical records.

And the language in clinical records is also a big deal.

# The clinical narrative

“...In years past, a **well-written history and physical, or progress note, would unfold like a story**, giving a vivid description of the patient’s symptoms and physical exam at the point of the encounter, as well as the synthesis of the data and the plan of care.”

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**May 3, 2007**

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT COURSE: The patient was admitted and nontoxic in appearance. **Blood pressure was brought down aggressively. With this combined with BiPAP, she has reversed her respiratory distress promptly.** She has improved significantly. She will not require intubation at this time period. Her family has elected to go back to M, Dr. W. I did discuss this case with Dr. G who is on call for L Cardiology. She has accepted him in transfer; however, there are no PCU or ICU beds at this time period. Will admit here for a brief period until a bed is available at M. I discussed this case with Dr. R who will admit.

**Clinicians were trying to determine whether the shortness of breath was due exclusively to her failing heart, or whether she has pneumonia.**

**Prompt response indicates that pneumonia is not the issue.**

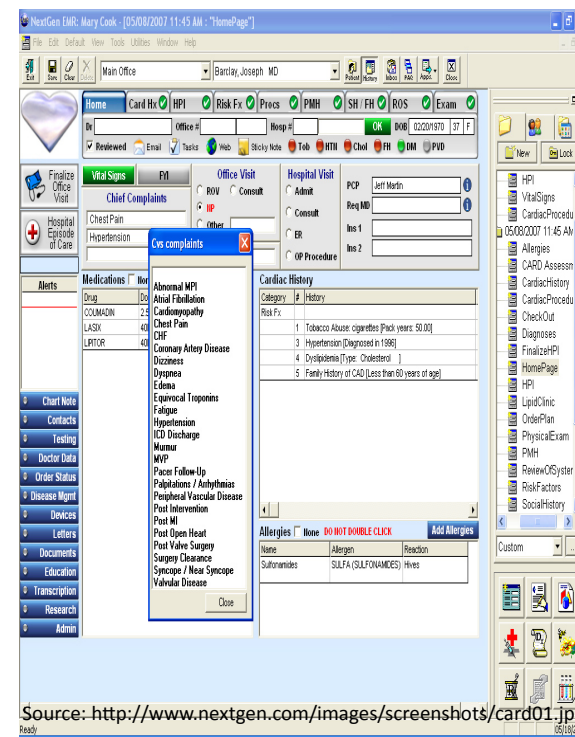
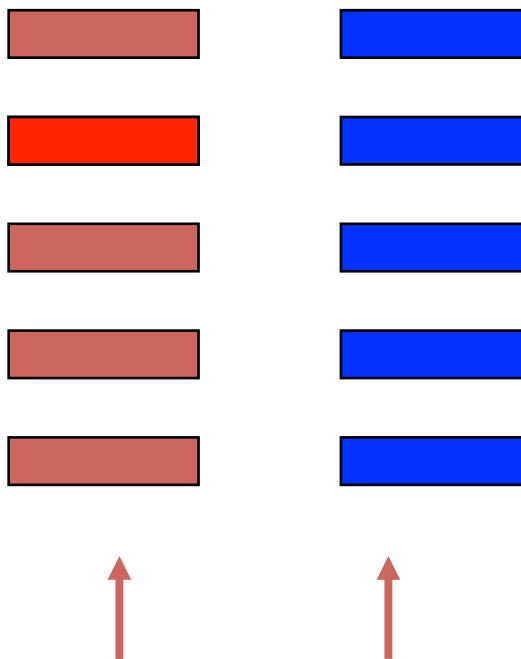
# **I worry that EMRs as implemented can actually downgrade the quality of information passed between health care teams**

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# Previous EMR studies neglect the narrative

- Adoption
- Cost
- Economic value
- Quality of care metrics
- ***No previous study directly compares clinical communication using free dictations with clinical communication using EMRs.***

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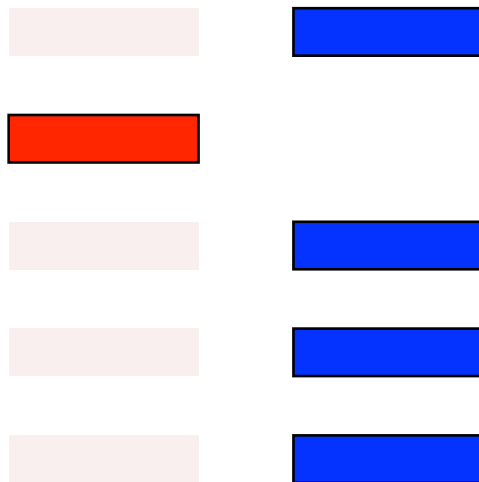
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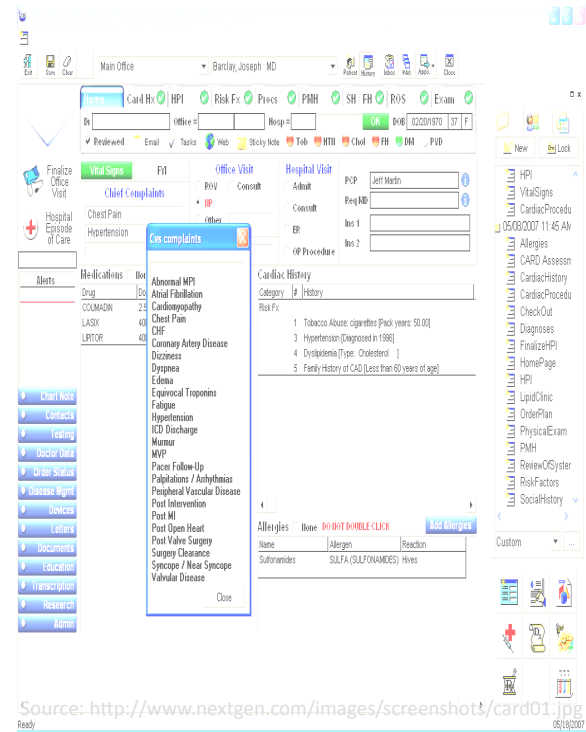
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Seriousness of omission	5	$\geq 4$	$\geq 3$
Percentage of documents	0%	50%	85%
Average omissions per document	0	0.6	1.85

- Some omissions seem straightforward to remediate with easy changes to the EMR specification, e.g.
  - Negative patient reports (“denies SOB”)
  - Degrees for symptoms (“mild/severe pain”)
  - Reactions to allergies (“rash/hives”)

# Results, disregarding “remediable” omissions

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Average omissions per document	0	0.3	0.95

- Other omissions seem difficult to remediate, even in principle
  - **Nuanced/detailed elaborations**
    - “almost brought to tears just in getting her up on the examination table”
    - “able to walk on flat levels and walk at a moderate pace for one hour without abnormal shortness of breath or chest pain”

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  - **Temporal/logical context**
    - ventricular tachycardia occurred “during post myocardial infarction care...far removed from the time of [patient’s] infarction”
    - the dictating physician was “hesitant to recommend [patient’s] FAA certification renewal” without a repeat of a previous catheterization

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  - **Dictating physician’s thought process**
    - recommends continuing Toprol because it “seems to be controlling [the patient’s] palpitations well”
    - considers discomfort to be “suggestive of angina”
    - believes that results of stress testing “would rule out significant major coronary artery disease, despite it being a somewhat incomplete study”

## Difficult to remediate: the things that make the clinical narrative a *narrative*

“...As EMRs proliferate, and increased Medicare scrutiny looms, **medical documentation is evolving from its original goal of recording what actually was going on with a patient, and what the provider was actually thinking, to sterile boilerplate documents** designed to justify the highest billing codes.

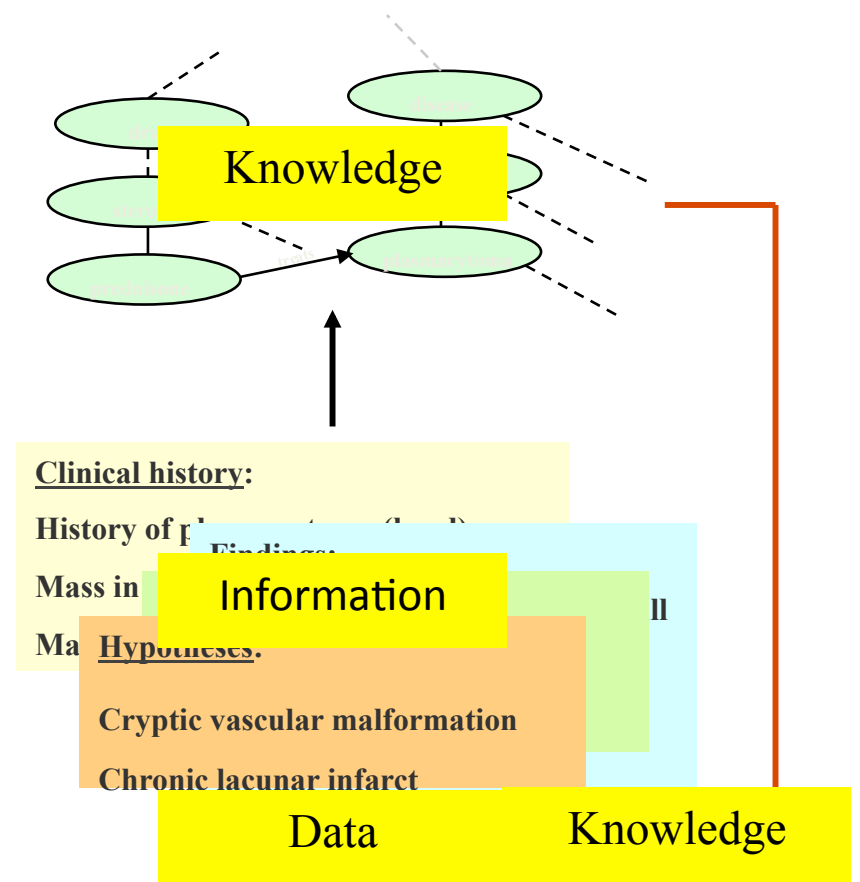
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***If you lose the language, you lose the story.***



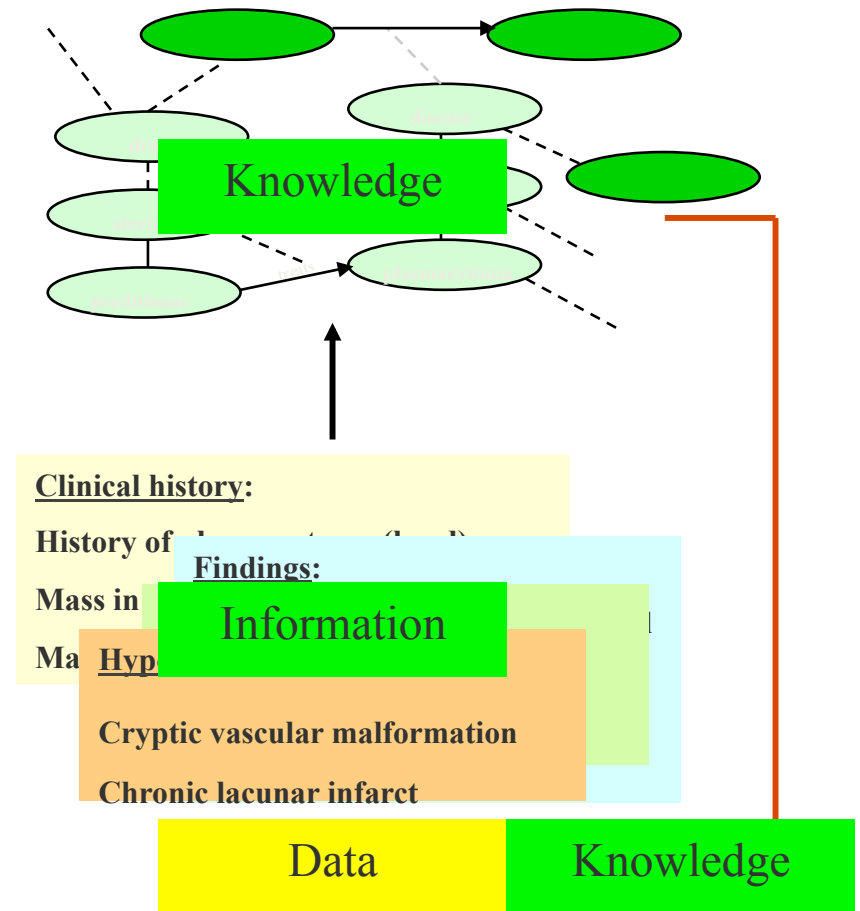
There's another reason the language of the clinical narrative is a big deal.

- The process of knowledge discovery is a **natural cycle**
- At every iteration, information emerges from data by **structuring and categorizing the data** according to what we know *now*



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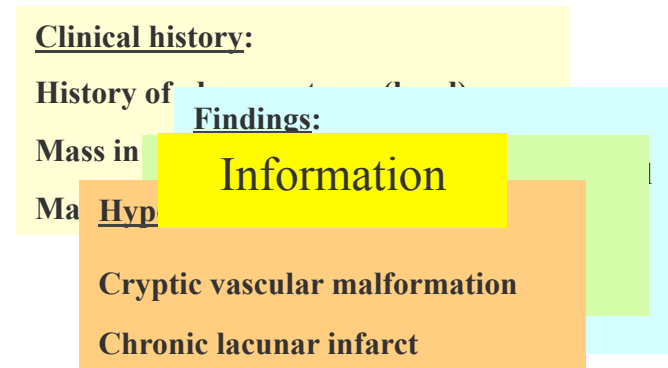


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If the full clinical narrative never comes into existence, the knowledge discovery cycle is broken.



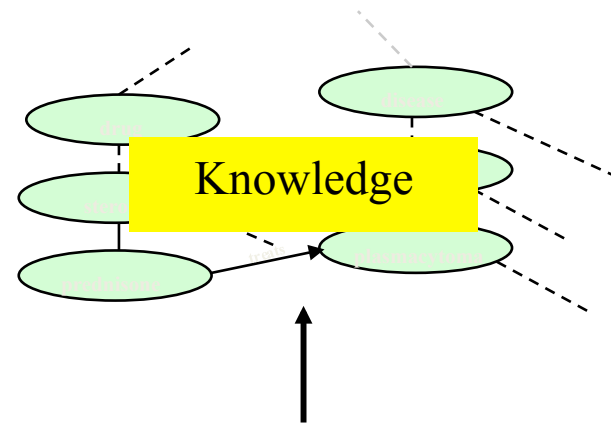
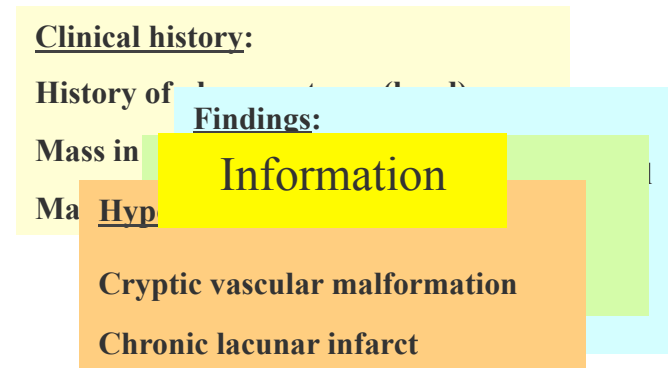
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Without the original data, we can never reanalyze physicians' observations in the light of new knowledge and new categories.



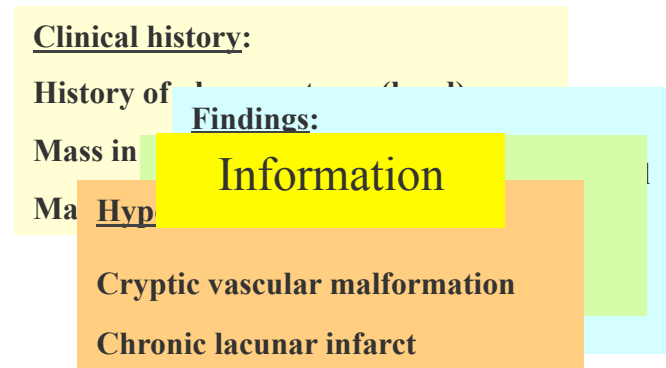
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# Knowledge structures evolve *slowly*.



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Example: *ground glass opacity*

Usage Period: term emerged with the introduction of 64-slice CT scans **around 1991**.

Definition: a hazy increase in lung attenuation through which pulmonary vessels may still be seen.

Clinical relevance: evidence that these are a much more probable indication of lung cancer than fully solid or fully non-solid nodules.

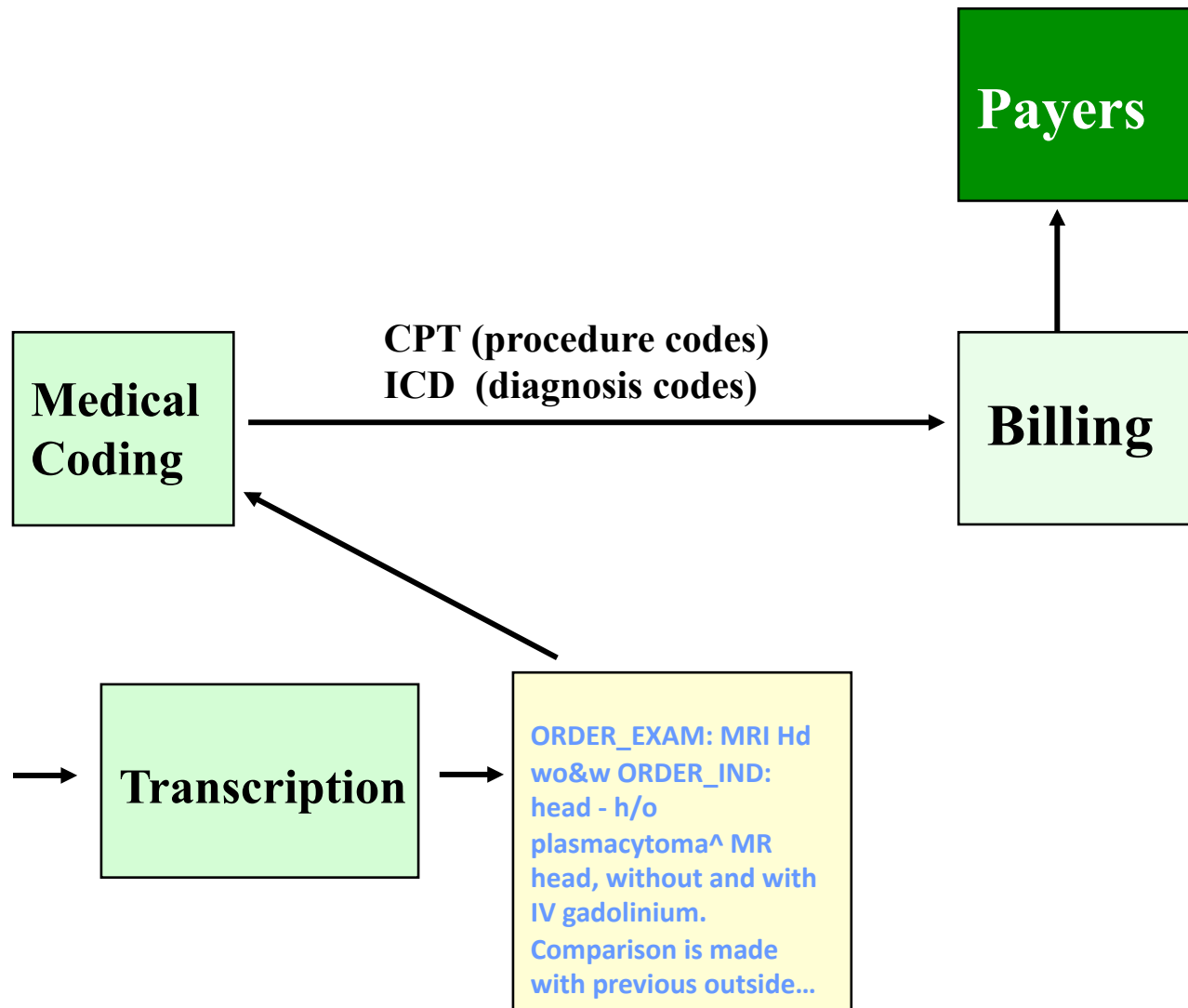
Appearance in standardized nomenclatures: MedDRA, **in 2001**.

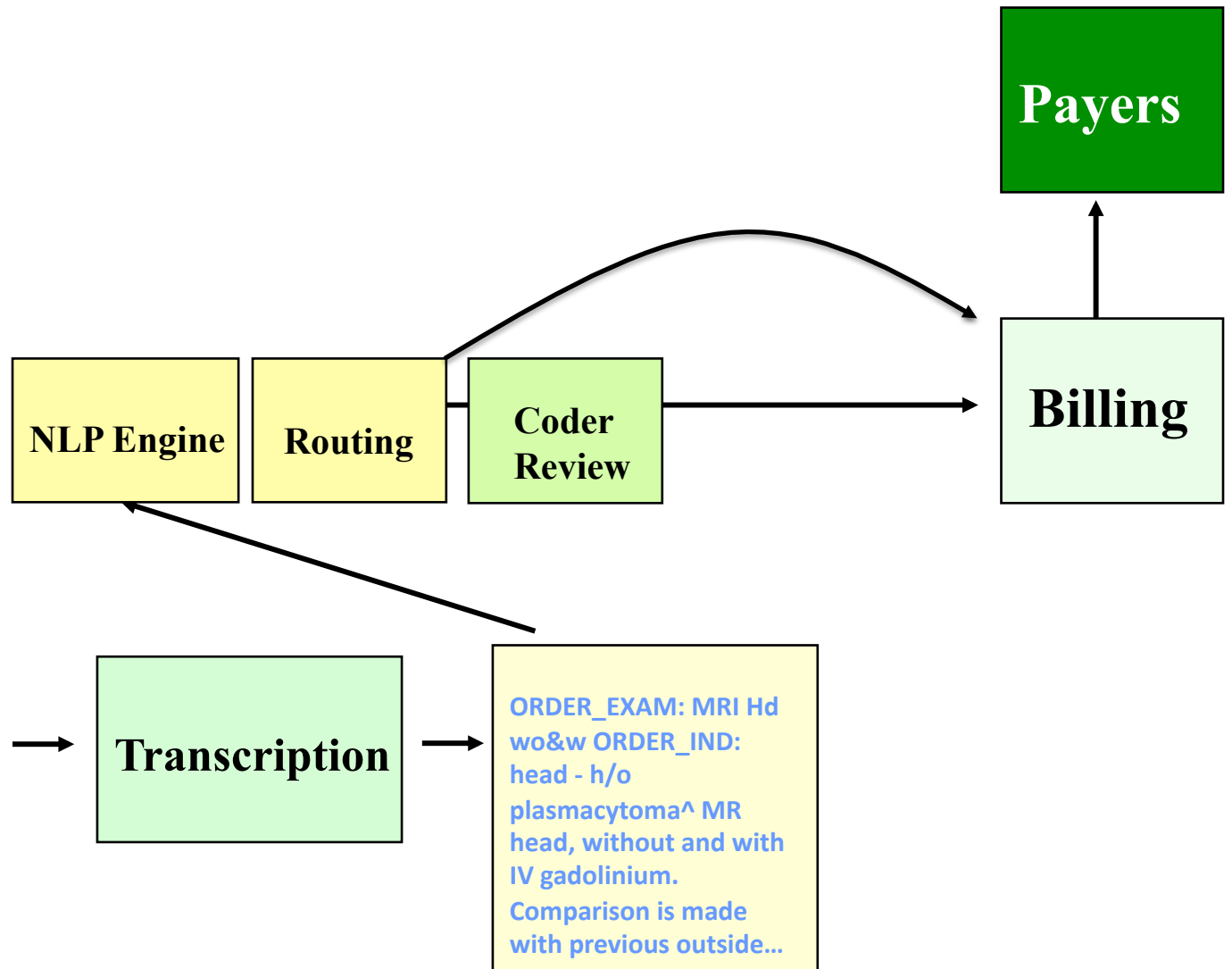
# A dilemma

- The future of healthcare depends on structured information we can aggregate and analyze.
- EMRs are widely viewed as the way to get there.
- But typical EMRs threaten to
  - eliminate or fragment crucial language in the record
  - omit information that clinicians need in order to communicate effectively
  - destroy the knowledge discovery cycle



Natural language processing (NLP) technology offers a way out of the dilemma.





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identify

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**MEDICAL HISTORY:** 1. Coronary artery disease as mentioned above. 2. Hypertension. 3. Hypercholesterolemia.

**PAST SURGICAL HISTORY:** Significant for hernia repair and appendectomy.

**ALLERGIES:** Morphine. **MEDICATIONS:** Toprol-XL 100 daily. Vytorin 10/40 one tablet daily. Coumadin as directed.

**SOCIAL HISTORY:** Smokes occasionally. Drinks alcohol very occasionally. Married, has 2 children.

**FAMILY HISTORY:** Father died from an MI. Mother died from lung cancer. One brother alive. He has had a history of a lung mass resected which was noncancerous. Another brother is alive and healthy.

**ROS:** Otherwise unremarkable. **EXAM: GENERAL:** He is alert and comfortable.

**VITAL SIGNS: PULSE RATE:** 72 and regular. **BLOOD PRESSURE:** 112/76. **WEIGHT:** 198 pounds.

**HEENT:** Pupils equal, reacting to light normally. Examination of the oral cavity is normal.

**NECK:** Good carotid upstroke bilaterally. No JVD.

**CARDIAC:** First and second sounds heard. Regular rate and rhythm. No gallops or murmurs.

**LUNGS:** Clear to auscultate.

**ABDOMEN:** Soft, nontender. No organomegaly.

**DATA:** Lab tests that are available reveal INR is therapeutic at 2.2. Chemistries are overall within the normal range. HDL cholesterol, however, is low at 34. LDL is 70.

**IMPRESSION:** Paroxysmal atrial fibrillation in a patient with prior mitral valve disease, currently having more frequent breakthroughs symptoms.

**PLAN:** I had a long discussion with the patient about the different treatment options including taking medications versus going for an ablation procedure. I did talk to him about the side effects of the antiarrhythmic drugs. Patient is somewhat leery of going on stronger medications. He wants to wait and see for awhile and if his symptomatology gets really bad, then he would be willing to consider more powerful medications. I do agree with him on that. Patient has not had any workup or any kind of a screening since he had his bypass surgery. So we will schedule him for exercise stress echo in the near future. With that information, if he does decide to go on antiarrhythmic drugs, then we can comfortably use class 1A or class 1C agents. Thank you for the consultation. We will keep you informed of the patient's progress.

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# Morphological analysis

Mrs. Roe is a 57-year-old female who has been having chest pains which she describes as a sharp pain, located substernally occurring at night when she tries to lie on her right side.



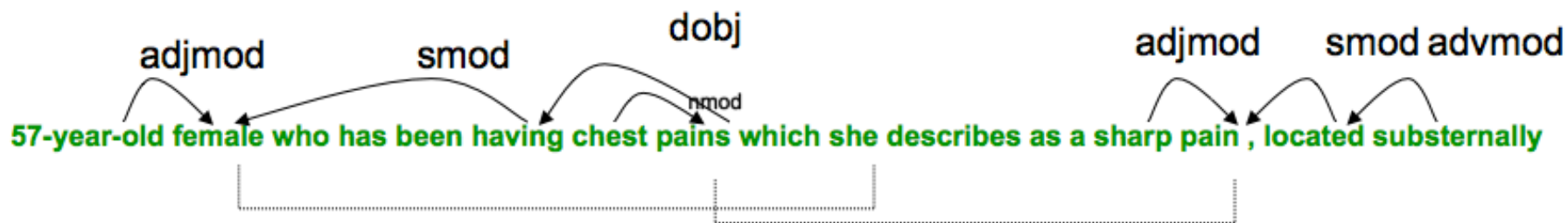
= pain + PLURAL

In this context,  
*pains* is the same  
as *pain*.

Sometimes singular vs.  
plural matters, e.g. *cyst* is  
different from *cysts*.

# Approaches to identifying/combining information units

Age	Sx		Anat	Sym			SymMod	Sym		AnatLoc							
ADJ	N	REL	AUX	AUX	V	N	N	REL	PR	V	Prep	DT	ADJ	N	,	V	ADV
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-	atrial	-	fibrillation
history	atrial	-	fibrillation
-	mitral_valve	-	problem
-	-	-	weak
-	-	-	tired
-	-	-	short_of_breath
history	coronary_artery	-	disease
history	-	-	hypertension
-	-	-	hypercholesterolemia
-	atrial	paroxysmal	fibrillation
history	mitral_valve	-	disease





**HPI:** Atrial fibrillation. This patient is a 56-year-old white gentleman with a history of atrial fibrillation on and off since he had his bypass surgery. He was diagnosed with coronary artery disease as well as mitral valve repair 3 years ago. Dr. [redacted] used to take care of him as well as mitral valve repair done at that time. Postop he had an episode of atrial fibrillation which then resolved spontaneously. He remembers somebody talking to him about cardioversion, but then the A-fib resolved spontaneously. So he was started on Coumadin. He would get some occasional episodes but he never really thought about them. Of late, over the last few months, he has had more frequent episodes. The episodes are also more frequent, about 2-3 times a week for 2-3 hours. So he has been on treatment. The patient states when he does get the A-fib, he feels short of breath. He denies any chest pain. Otherwise, he is doing well. Physically, he works fulltime as an electrician, and has not had any problems doing his day-to-day work.

**MEDICAL HISTORY:** 1. Coronary artery disease as well as mitral valve repair. 2. Hypertension. 3. Hypercholesterolemia.

**IMPRESSION:** Paroxysmal atrial fibrillation in a patient who is currently having more frequent breakthrough symptoms.

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272.0	Rules
427.31	Statistics
394.9	Statistics

Type	Anatomy	Modifier	Diagnosis/Problem
-	atrial	-	fibrillation
history	atrial	-	fibrillation
-	mitral_valve	-	problem
-	-	-	weak
-	-	-	tired
-	-	-	short_of_breath
history	coronary_artery	-	disease
history	-	-	hypertension
-	-	-	hypercholesterolemia
-	atrial	paroxysmal	fibrillation
history	mitral_valve	-	disease

**Name:** Head Injury      **DOB:** 1964-07-12  
**MRN:** 457564      **Age:** 46  
**DOS:** 2011-04-09 00:37:53      **SigningMD:** Dr. Emergency  
**OrderHistory:**  
**OrderExam:**

**HPI:**  
The patient presents with headache and pt here with head injury-- jumped and hit head on beam. + LOC. no neck pain. no numbness, visual changes. no vomiting. bleeding controlled at this time. no other injuries. . The course/duration of symptoms is constant. Location: occipital. Radiating pain: none. The character of symptoms is throbbing. Associated symptoms: none.

**MEDICAL HISTORY:**  
Medical history Negative. Surgical history: Negative.

**SOCIAL HISTORY:**  
Social history: Alcohol use: Denies, Tobacco use: Denies, Drug use: Denies.

**ROS:**  
Constitutional symptoms: Negative except as documented in HPI. Respiratory symptoms: Negative except as documented in HPI. Neurologic symptoms: Negative except as documented in HPI . Additional review of systems information: All other systems reviewed and otherwise negative.

**EXAM:**  
Vital Signs. Heart Rate 73 bpm Respiratory Rate 14 breaths/min SBP NIBP 101 mmHg DBP NIBP 61 mmHg SpO2 99 % General: No acute distress. Head: 5 cm laceration over top of head to sq. does not extend to galea. Neck: Supple, trachea midline, no tenderness. Neurological: Alert and oriented to person, place, time, and situation.

CPT Code Set=2011b, ICD Code Set=2011b

RECALC SKIP EXTEND QUIT APPROVE

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OR ROUTE TO: Expert: CR-ED Route

COMMENTS: CLOSE ▲

## ORTHOD-132

Review: Office

CPT Encoder

ICD Encoder

PHI

NAME: [PHI Redacted] D.O.B.: 61y.o. F  
MRN: [PHI Redacted] D.O.S.: 2006-01-10 00:00:00  
Ins:

### CHIEF COMPLAINT:

Right knee pain.

**HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS:** The patient is a 61-year-old white female who works part-time at C... who said she developed sharp severe pain in her right knee beginning in November 2005. She did not have any injury that she knows of but now she is having increasing pain with walking, kneeling down and going up and down stairs. She had sharp severe pain in the medial compartment of her knee. She feels better when she is not moving at all.

### PAST MEDICAL HISTORY:

Significant for hiatal hernia and a DVT in left upper extremity.

### PAST SURGICAL HISTORY:

Significant for bilateral thoracic outlet surgery and left rib resection as well as a left knee arthroscopy.

### CURRENT MEDICATIONS:

Include Crestor.

### ALLERGIES:

Codeine, Salactic, iodine, sulfa drugs.

### FAMILY HISTORY:

Significant for heart disease, stroke, and osteoporosis.

## Overall Level Of Service Analysis

HISTORY = C HPI = Extended, ROS = Complete, FMS =  
EXAM = COM EXAM95 = COM, EXAM97 = DET  
COMPLEXITY = M MAHOPT = , RISK = Low, DATA =  
FINAL E/M = 99204 E / M Level = 4

Visit Status : Office/OP New

### History of Present Illness:

Extended(4+)

CLOSE ▲

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Location	right knee, medial compartment of her knee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Duration	November 2005
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mod. Factor	feels better when she is not moving at all	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality	sharp
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Timing	with walking, kneeling down and going up and down stairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signs & Symps	increasing pain
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Severity	severe	<input type="checkbox"/> Context	
<input type="checkbox"/> Status 3 conds			

### Review of Systems:

Complete(10+)

CLOSE ▲

<input type="checkbox"/> Constitutional		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Respiratory	emphysema
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Genitourinary	bladder infection, incontinence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eyes	glaucoma
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cardiovascular	heart disease, high blood pressure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thyroid/Endo	thyroid disease, diabetes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dermatologic	dermatitis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Musculoskeletal	rheumatoid arthritis
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Psychiatric	anxiety, depression	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E/M/T	sinusitis, seasonal allergies
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neurological	seizures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hemo/Lymph	hepatitis, cancer

IR D.O.B.: [PHI REDACTED] Age: 37  
 NAME: [PHI Redacted] D.O.S.: 2007-10-23 12:06:00 Gender: M  
 SSN: [PHI Redacted] Attending: null  
 Referred By: Signed By: null

[1: 203444515] Angiography Carotid Cervical Unilateral [2: 203445682] Angiography Vertebral Cervical Intracranial Unilateral [3: 203445689] Angiography Internal Carotid or Cerebral Unilateral [4: 203445699] Angiography Carotid External Unilateral

Neurointerventional procedure

Cerebral angiogram, 4/24/2006

Indication: Spontaneous subdural hematoma

Physicians: 1. Dr. Joh

Vessels studied: 1. Left internal carotid artery injection, PA, lateral, RAO, LAO projections, intracranial. 2. Left external carotid artery injection, PA, lateral projections, intracranial. 3. Left vertebral artery injection, PA, lateral projections, intracranial. 4. Right common carotid artery injection, PA, lateral projections, intracranial.

Discussion: Angiographic examination of the above vessels was performed after consent was obtained. A 5 French catheter was placed in the right common femoral artery, using the Seldinger technique, after Betadine prep and local anesthesia with lidocaine. After the procedure, the catheter was removed and hemostasis achieved at the puncture site.

Findings: Left internal carotid artery: There is subdural mass-effect over the left cerebral convexity manifest by displacement of pial vessels and cortical veins away from the inner table of the skull. There is rightward shift of the anterior cerebral artery complex. There are no arterial or venous vascular abnormalities.

Left external carotid artery: There are no dural vascular abnormalities.

Left vertebral artery: There is medial displacement of the left posterior cerebral artery complex. No vascular abnormalities are identified.

Right common carotid artery: There are no cerebral or dural vascular abnormalities.

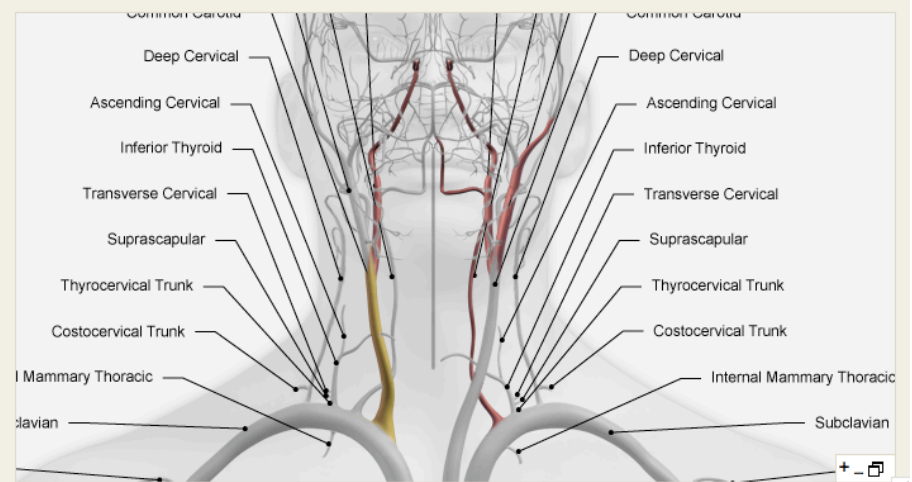
Impression: Left convexity mass-effect consistent with known subdural hematoma. Negative cerebral angiogram.

CPT CodeSet=2007d, ICD CodeSet=2007a

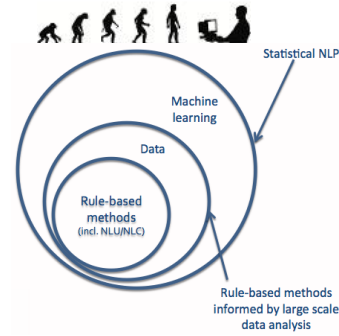
RECALC		SKIP		APPROVE	
	ICD Code	Description			
I1	348.4	Compression of brain			
I2	432.1	Subdural hemorrhage			
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APPROACH: FEMORAL

	Side	Procedure / Vessel	Type	Filter	CPT Codes	ICD Codes
L1	Left	Internal Carotid	CATH	None	36216	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 348.4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 432.1
L2	Left	Vertebral	CATH	None	36216-59	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 348.4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 432.1
L3	Right	Common Carotid	CATH	None	36216-59	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 348.4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 432.1
L4	Left	External Carotid	CATH	Family	36218	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 348.4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 432.1
L5	Bilat	Internal Carotid	S+I	None	75671	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 348.4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 432.1



# Natural language processing and machine learning



Clinical data



Subject matter expertise

# NLP-enabled aggregate analysis

Category	Sample Measures
<b>(A) Patient Identification &amp; Recruitment</b>	Male smokers, 50 y.o.+ with history of COPD and no history of lung cancer for enrollment in a clinical trial/study
<b>(B) Performance &amp; Accreditation</b>	Patients with diabetes and their most recent HbA1C<9.0%
<b>(C) Acute Care Management</b>	% of patients aged 5-40y.o. with asthma prescribed an inhaled corticosteroid
<b>(D) Chronic Care Management</b>	% of patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis prescribed a DMARD
<b>(E) Utilization</b>	Hospital readmission rates within 30 days after discharge

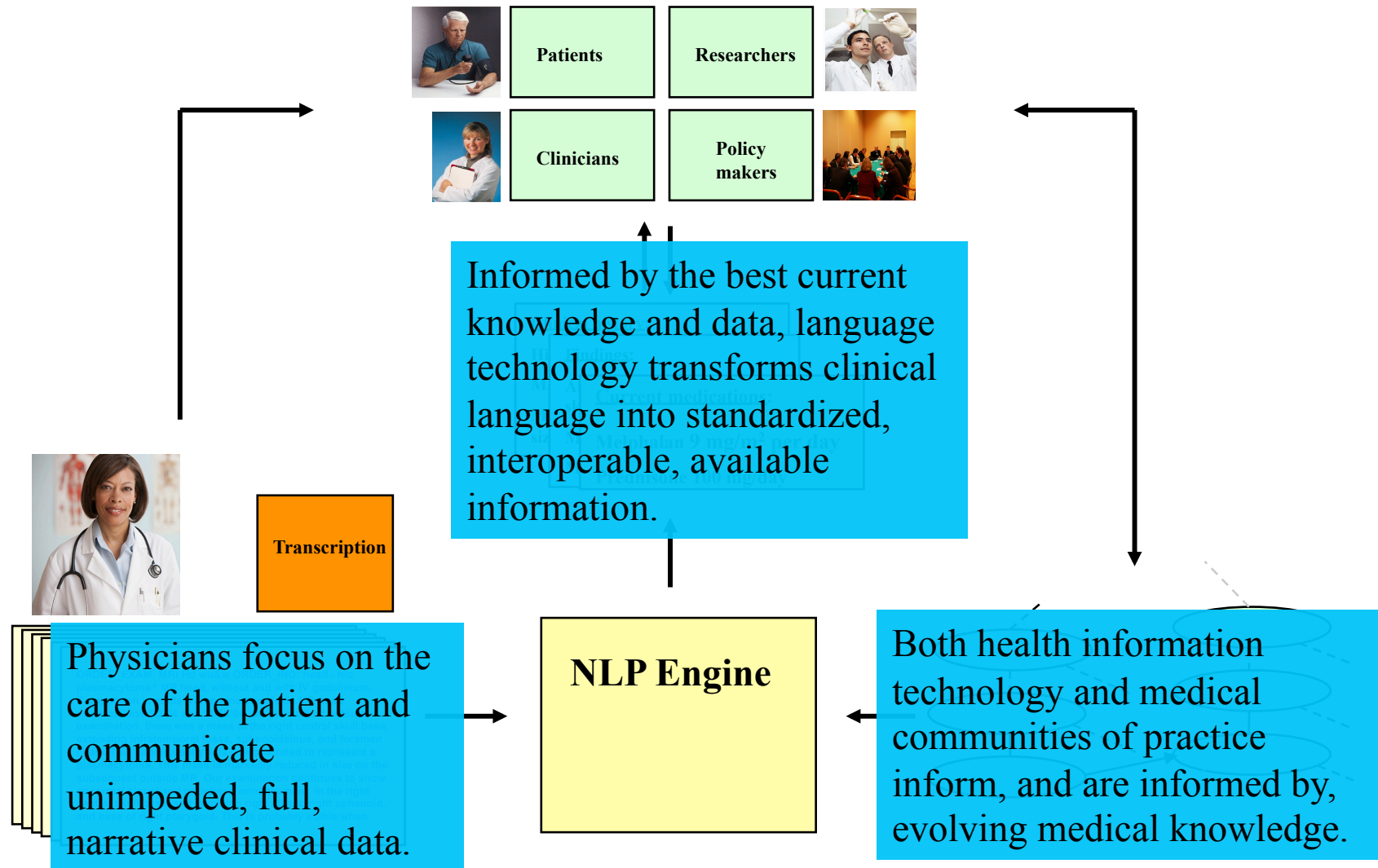
# NLP-enabled aggregate analysis

Category	Sample Measures
<b>(F) Complications &amp; Patient Safety</b>	Urinary catheter removal on post-operative day 1 or 2
<b>(G) Provider Profiling</b>	% of primary care MDs not prescribing Beta-Blocker Rx for patients with left sided heart failure (LVSD)
<b>(H) Revenue Cycle Support &amp; Efficiency</b>	Specialist referral rates outside of the physician group or network (i.e. leakage)
<b>(I) Customized Applications</b>	The number of patients with hypertension discharged from the hospital on < 2 antihypertensive Rx

We can get where we need to go without losing the language.



# A way forward: recognizing that structured datasets $\neq$ structured input





Save the cheerleader, save the world



Save the **narrative**, save the world

Thank you.

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